Hardships of the Farmers in Dry Areas

1268. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers in dry areas are coming under growing hardships while farmers in irrigated area becoming better off and relative economic disparity is increasing;

(b) what is the number of the dry and the irrigated districts in the country;

(c) what is the percentage of the production of major agricultural commodities in dry and irrigated areas respectively; and

(d) what is the number of farmers covered in dry areas and also those in irrigated areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Appropriate technologies both for irrigated and dry areas have been developed and are being transferred to raise the production in both sectors. In fact, with more emphasis for dry land technology in recent years, the economic disparity in the two sectors is being reduced.

(b) On the basis of land use statistics district-wise (latest available), about 37.5 per cent of the disticts are observed to be having irrigated area above the All-India level.

(c) The production estimates of agricultural commodities separately for irrigated and unirrigated areas are not worked out at the All-India level.

(d) The number of farmers covered in dry areas and those in irrigated areas are not available. However, according to the Agricultural Census, 1985-86, the estimated number of operational holdings receiving irrigation and holdings wholly unirrigated are 41.88 and 51.33 million units respectively in the country.

Establishment of Railway Divisions at Ahmedabad, Malda, Bhopal and Ambala

1269. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has agreed in principle long ago that Railway Divisions at Ahmedabad, Malda, Bhopal and Ambala should be established;

(b) whether it is a fact that Railway Divisions at Malda, Bhopal and Ambala are established;

(c) the reasons for wrich the question of financial constraints is being raised by the department in relation to Ahmedabad; and

(d) when the consideration for new super fast train between Ahmedabad and Bombay would mature into a positive decision?

THE MINIS-ER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The availability of funds has been and is, even today, a necessary pre-requisite for the creation of new divisions. In view of the severe resource constraint presently prevalent, the Ministry of Railways is not going in for the creation of any new Railway divisions.

(d) A New Inter-city Express will be introduced between Ahmedabad and Bombay Central from July 1991.

Allocation of funds for Agriculture..

1270. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 9 percent of the plan allocation was made for agriculture and rural development during

1990-91, while it was 46 per cent during the previous five years; and

(b) if so, what are the details and break up thereof and in what manner the same was spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Gross budgetary support for rural component of the Central Annual Plan was raised to 49 per cent in 1990-91 as compared to 44 per cent in 1989-90.

(b) In respect of agricultural and allied activities alone, the Central Plan outlay for the year 1990-91 was kept at Rs. 1584 crores, as compared to Rs. 1203 crores in 1989-90.

Nehru Rozgar Yojana in Andhra Pradesh

1271. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Andhra Pradesh under the Nehru Rozgar Yojana so far; and

(b) the achievement made under the said Yojana so far?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) Since the inception of Nehru Rozgar Yojana in October, 1989 Rs. 10.41 crores have been released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh directly and Rs. 5.64 crores have been placed with the Housing & Urban Development Corporation for the Scheme of Housing & Shelter Upgradation for release on a project to project basis.

(b) Under the Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises Rs. 330.55 lakhs have been sanctioned as loan and subsidy for setting up micro enterprises and 2198 units have been physically set up. Further, 800 beneficiaries have received training or are undergoing training in different trades under this scheme. Under the Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises, an expenditure of about Rs. 111.92 lakhs has been incurred on public works and about 1.52 lakh mandays of work have been generated. Under the Scheme of Housing and Shelter Upgradation loan amounting to Rs. 404.88 crore and subsidy worth Rs. 107.99 crores has been sanctioned for 51 schemes entailing upgradation of 13496 dwelling units.

Summer rush of Railway passengers to Tirupathi, A. P.

1272. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the yearly summer rush of Railway passengers to Tirupathi in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to meet the demand for accommodation in the trains to different destinations during the forthcoming summer season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Extra coaches will be provided as and when there is traffic subject to availability of coaches and operational feasibilities. The Railways also propose to introduce a few additional trains to and from Tirupati from the middle of this year.

Promotion of Tourism in A. P.

1273. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes received by Union Government from Andhra Pradesh Government for the promotion of tourism in that State during 1990-91; and

(b) the details of schemes approved by Central Government and funds allocated for the State Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) The followling sche-